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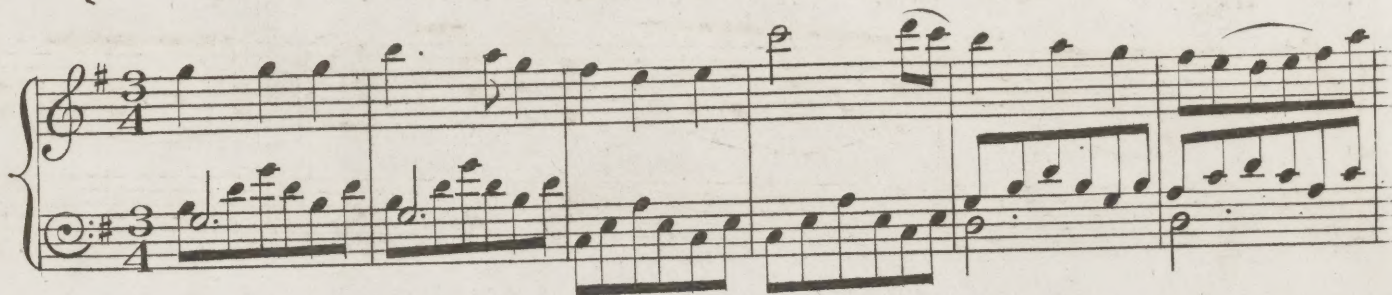
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# SHALL I ACCEPT OR IN COLDNESS DECLINE

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Oh shall I ac---cept, or in cold---ness de---

--cline, The heart that a whis---per can turn in---to

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mine, His im-age be-fore me will lin-ger-ing

stay, And will it de-part if I bid it a-

way?

Gay morning, bright noon and the dim evening hour,  
 To warm with a gladness is gifted with power;  
 But tempest when near me, and darkness around,  
 To soften that moment what balm shall be found!

Bright Star that now shinest, I woo thee to say,  
 By glowing to-morrow, or shrouding thy ray,  
 If I shall accept, or in coldness decline,  
 The heart that a whisper can turn into mine!

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